GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
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CUT IN GOVERNMENT JOBS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to bring in drastic reduction in Government jobs;

(b) if so, the posts likely to be abolished;

(c) whether the Government decision was taken in the wake of liberalisation and globalisation; and

(d) if so, the justification for closing the opportunities of employment for the youth instead of creating employment avenues?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) to (d): In view of the changing role of the Government and the imperative ofreducing the non-plan administrative expenditure, the Government has taken some measures to rightsize its staff strength. These measures relate to a 10% reduction on the sanctioned strength as on 1.1.92 and restricting direct recruitment to 1/3rd of the direct recruitment vacancies arising in a year. An Expenditure Reforms Commission has also been set up to review, inter-alia, the adequacy of staffing under Central Government Ministries, attached offices and institutions keeping in view the functions required to be performed by them and suggest measures for rationalising staff and cadres of different services. The details of posts to be abolished based on the recommendations of the Expenditure Reforms Commission will be known after all the recommendations are made and appropriate decisions of the Government thereon are announced. The reduction in non-plan administrative expenditure of the Government will make available valuable resources for more productive and efficient uses. This improvement in the quality of expenditure will help in the overall growth of the economy and creation of employment opportunities.